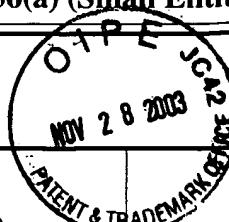


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
IDS-10505/14

In Re Application Of: Venegas, Jr.



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Invention: STANCHION SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: August 22, 2003 *Date* until: Nov. 22, 2003 (Saturday) *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5 -	20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
/2003 HLE333 0000043 09597318			FEE FOR AMENDMENT		\$0.00
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TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$475.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$475.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$475.00
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1180
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1180

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Dated: Nov. 24, 2003

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 11-24-03 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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